

## **Amendments to the Claims:**

*This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:*

10. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method for cashing a check presented by an individual at a gambling establishment, the method comprising:

providing a host computer containing an exclusion list database, wherein the exclusion list database stores a list of individuals to be excluded from the gambling establishment and ~~at least one checking account identifier~~ checking account magnetic ink character recognition (MICR) numbers respectively associated with the individuals ~~for each individual~~ of the list of individuals;

receiving at a point of sale device of the gambling establishment a check presented by an individual for cashing;

scanning at the point of sale device of the gambling establishment checking account magnetic ink character recognition (MICR) MICR information of the check presented by the individual;

identifying a checking account identifier MICR number associated with the individual presenting the check based on the scanned checking account MICR information of the presented check;

transmitting from the point of sale device the identified checking account MICR number identifier associated with the individual presenting the check to the host computer;

comparing the identified checking account identifier MICR number associated with the individual presenting the check with the ~~at least one checking account identifier MICR numbers~~ ~~for each individual of the list of individuals~~ stored in the exclusion list database to determine whether the individual presenting the check is an individual to be excluded from the gambling establishment, wherein the individual presenting the check is determined to be an individual to be excluded from the gambling establishment if the identified checking account identifier MICR number associated with the individual presenting the check matches a checking account identifier MICR number stored in the exclusion list database;

preventing the presented check from being cashed at the point of sale device of the gambling establishment if it is determined that the individual presenting the check is an individual to be excluded from the gambling establishment; and

cashing the presented check at the point of sale device of the gambling establishment if it is determined that the individual presenting the check is not an individual to be excluded from the gambling establishment.

11. (PREVIOUSLY PRESENTED) The method of claim 10 wherein cashing the presented check includes using an additional check acceptance program.